

REMARKS

Applicants have received the Office Action mailed March 12, 2004 and cited references therein. Applicants have noted that claims 82-116 were indicated as being allowable. Applicants also noted that claims 119, 127 and 133 were objected to, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claims 119, 127 and 133 have been rewritten in independent form, thus are now in allowable form.

Claims 117, 118, 120-136, 128-132 and 134-136 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE 3735834 in view of Gowan or Endo. Independent claim 117 has been amended to require that one of the waveforms is created by a different number of current pulses from the other waveform. This waveform construction is not disclosed or taught by any of the cited references. Applicants submit that independent claim 117 and all the claims dependent therefrom are allowable. Independent claims 125 and 130 have been amended to require that the first and second waveforms be at least partially synchronized. The Germain reference discloses that the electrodes are operated with phase displacement. Partial synchronization of the waveforms is not disclosed or taught. Applicants submit that independent claims 125 and 130 and all the claims dependent therefrom are allowable.

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